

REMARKS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the detailed Office Action dated May 6, 2002. Claims 1-31 were pending in the Application. Claims 1-31 stand rejected. Claim 1-31 have been canceled without prejudice to further prosecution on the merits. Claims 32-73 have been added. Claims 32-73 are now pending in this Application. This Reply and Amendment is submitted along with a Request for Continued Prosecution.

Title of Application

Please change the title of the Application from

"DIAGNOSTIC APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD OF
DETERMINING A KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT SOLUTION"

to

--SYSTEM AND METHOD OF DETERMINING A
KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT SOLUTION--.

Added Claims

Claims 32-73 have been added.

No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections

In previous Office Actions, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-18, 20, 22-25, and 27-30 as being anticipated U.S. Patent No. 6,275,812 titled "Intelligent System for Dynamic Resource Management" issued on August 14, 2001 to Haq et al. ("Haq et al.") under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Also, the Examiner has rejected Claims 19, 21, 26, under 31 as being obvious over Haq et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,070,143 titled "System and Method for Analyzing Work Requirements and Linking Human Resource Products to Jobs" issued on May 30, 2000 to Barney et al. ("Barney et al.") under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 1-31 have been canceled without prejudice to further prosecution on the merits.

The Applicants also expressly withdraw and disavow any and all claim amendments and remarks (including remarks directed to or about any cited reference) made

in connection with the previous prosecution of this application, or in connection with any related application. The Applicants do not intend any prior claim amendment or remark in the this application or any related application to have any effect on the prosecution or scope of any claim in the present application.

Each of the new Claims 32-73 recite subject matter that is patentable over the references previously cited by the Examiner. Also, the subject matter disclosed in the cited references is not applicable to the subject matter recited in new Claims 32-73.

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The Applicants respectfully submit that the present Application is in a condition for allowance. The Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of pending Claims 32-73.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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